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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT - ESTABLISHMENT OF RESEARCH CENTER,
"SCIENCE CITY"

REF: (A) SEOUL A-270, OCTOBER 18, 1974
(B) SEOUL A-278, OCTOBER 25, 1974

FOLLOWING UPDATES REFS:

1. NO SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN PROJECT DESCRIPTION SUBMITTED
REF A, EXCEPT SITE PREPARATION IS NOW UNDER WAY.
2. IMPLEMENTING OFFICER, KWON, WON KI, DIRECTOR, GENERAL
PLANNING OFFICE, HAS MOVED FROM 17TH FLOOR TO 19TH FLOOR (ROOM
#1906) IN SAME BUILDING.
3. PROJECT COSTS WERE ADJUSTED BASED ON RECENT ESCALATIONS
OF VARIOUS COMMODITIES. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS WILL BE DOLS 40
POINT 3 MILLION. FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF DOLS 18 POINT
3 MILLION WILL FINANCE IMPORT OF RESEARCH EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOY-
MENT OF FOREIGN TECHNICAL ADVISORS. ROKG HAS THUS FAR SECURED
UNDP FINANCING OF DOLS 2 POINT 3 MILLION OF FOREIGN COSTS ON
THIS PROJECT (DOLS 1 POINT 5 MILLION FOR SHIPBUILDING AND
DOLS POINT 8 MILLION FOR OCEAN RESEARCH INSTITUTES). NEGOTIATION
IS PRESENTLY UNDERWAY WITH UNDP FOR FINANCING OF DOLS 1 MILLION
FOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING RESEARCH INSTITUTE, AND ROKG WILL
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REQUEST FURTHER DOL 15 MILLION LOAN FROM THEIR INTERNATIONAL

FINANCING SOURCES SUCH AS ADB OR IBRD.

4. FOR EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT UNDER UNDP FINANCING, DIRECTOR KWON, HAS STATED DOLS 1 POINT 5 MILLION OF LAB EQUIPMENT FOR SHIPBUILDING RESEARCH WILL BE HANDLED BY IMCO (INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARINE CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION) IN LONDON, DOLS POINT 8 MILLION OF LAB EQUIPMENT FOR OCEAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE WILL BE HANDLED BY UNESCO IN PARIS, AND DOLS 1 MILLION FOR LAB EQUIPMENT FOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING RESEARCH INSTITUTE, WHICH IS NOW BEING NEGOTIATED WITH UNDP WILL BE HANDLED BY UNICO IN VIENNA.
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